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1. CONFIRMING POOLE/BAKER/BACHE TELECONS NOVEMBER 17 AND 19,

FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS ON UK, DUTCH AND NORDIC PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTIONS WITH RESPECT IRANIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION AND COMPLEMENTARY FIFTH COMMITTEE DECISION ON UNDRO.

(A) AND (B). WE DO NOT THINK EXPANSION OF THE PRESENT TRUST FUND SHOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENT TO "REGULAR-IZING" UNDRO FINANCING AFTER 1976-77 BIENNIUM. WITH RESPECT TO ONWARD FINANCING FOR STRENGTHENING UNDRO, DRAFT RESOLUTION DOES NOT AFFECT THIS ASPECT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. RESOLUTION 3243 (XXIX) OF LAST NOVEMBER STILL GOVERNS, I.E. IN PROVIDING THAT ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR STRENGTHENING UNDRO'S CAPABILITY SHOULD BE MET BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH 1976-77 BIENNIUM AND THAT METHOD OF FINANCING FOR SUCCEEDING PERIODS SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE. WHEN TIME COMES FOR REVIEW, WE WILL BE OPEN-MINDED ON POSSIBILITY OF SHIFTING THIS TO REGULAR BUDGET. (WE NOTE THIS IS FAVORED BY UK, DUTCH AND NORDICS WHO, OF COURSE, ARE THE OTHER MAJOR DONORS TO THE TRUST FUND).

(C). WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO VIEWS OF UK, DUTCH AND NORDICS ON QUESTIONS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISASTER PREVENTION/PREPAREDNESS, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS AT THEIR URGING THAT WE BROADENED OUR INITIATIVE LAST FALL SO THAT RESOLUTION 3243 ALLOWED FOR STRENGTHENING UNDRO'S CAPACITY IN DISASTER PREVENTION/PREPAREDNESS IN ADDITION TO RELIEF COORDINATION (WHICH WAS OUR PRIORITY) AND THAT WE AGREED TO BOTH ASPECTS BEING COVERED BY THE PRESENT TRUST FUND FOR STRENGTHENING UNDRO. HENCE, IF THESE SAME COUNTRIES CONSIDER THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN PROGRAM FUNDS FOR DISASTER PREVENTION/PREPAREDNESS EXCESSIVE, WE ARE QUITE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THEM IN PROPOSING A SMALLER FIGURE, PRESUMABLY AS A MODIFICATION OF FIFTH COMMITTEE DECISION. (WE UNDERSTAND FROM TELECON THAT THEY ARE THINKING OF \$300,000 FOR 1976-77 BIENNIUM.) WE SUGGEST USDEL JOIN UK, DUTCH AND NORDICS IN DISCUSSING THIS FIRST WITH BERKOL AND THEN WITH IRANIANS.

(D). LIKewise WE ARE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH UK, DUTCH AND NORDICS IN MODIFYING OUR POSITION SO AS TO PROVIDE (IN IRANIAN RESOLUTION AND IN FIFTH COMMITTEE DECISION) THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM COSTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PRE-DISASTER PLANNING/PREVENTION SHOULD BE MET FROM NEW SUB-ACCOUNT IN THE EXPANDED VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND (VICE WORKING CAPITAL FUND) "UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CAN BE FINANCED BY UNDP" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT. (WE ASSUME LATTER WOULD BE DURING UNDP'S NEXT 5-YEAR CYCLE COMMENCING 1977.) WE GATHER UK AND NORDICS HAVE ON THEIR PART MOVED FROM THEIR EARLIER POSITION THAT THESE COSTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MET FROM

WORKING CAPITAL FUND UNTIL THEY COULD BE ABSORBED BY UNDP. WE WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE THE QUESTION OPEN FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, USING SOME SUCH WORDING AS "SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSION TO FINANCING BY UNDP WHENEVER FEASIBLE," ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT INSIST IF THE UK, DUTCH AND NORDICS WISH TO MAKE THIS MORE DEFINITE. AGAIN WE SUGGEST THAT, IF TIME PERMITS, THESE COUNTRIES JOINED BY USDEL FIRST DISCUSS SUGGESTED CONVERSION TO UNDP FUNDING WITH BERKOL AND UNDP IN ADDITION TO IRANIANS. (CONVERSION TO UNDP FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US IN PRINCIPLE, ON ASSUMPTION THAT UNDP LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNING COUNCIL CONSIDER THIS FEASIBLE AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO INCORPORATE SUCH ACTIVITY INTO UNDP FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR 1977-81 PROGRAMMING CYCLE, PREFERABLY, FOR REASONS OF FLEXIBILITY, AS GLOBAL OR SERIES OF REGIONAL PROJECTS WITH UNDRO AS EXECUTING AGENCY.)

2. WITH RESPECT TO OTHER ASPECTS OF LATEST DRAFT RESOLUTION, PLEASE REFER TO SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 4(A) AND (C) OF REF (E), WHICH WE STILL THINK WOULD BE USEFUL, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT INSIST IF THIS PRESENTS A PROBLEM, SINCE THESE POINTS ARE NOW COVERED IN THE 5TH COMMITTEE DRAFT DECISION (REF D). KISSINGER

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